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v.	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement					
1.	Statement					
	Novelty (N)	Claims	1-20	YES		
		Claims		NO		
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-20	YES		
		Claims		NO		
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-20	YES		
		Claims		NO		

- 2. Citations and explanations
 - Document 1: Microfilm of the specification and drawings annexed to the request of Japanese Utility Model Application No. 83366/1980 (Laid-open No. 6581/1982), (Ogawa Kako Kabushiki Kaisha), 13 January 1982, entire text, all drawings
 - Document 2: JP 58-138699 A (Taizo TOGASHI), 17 August 1983, entire text, all drawings
 - Document 3: Microfilm of the specification and drawings annexed to the request of Japanese Utility Model Application No. 107685/1982 (Laid-open No. 12684/1984), (Pentel Co., Ltd.), 26 January 1984, entire text, all drawings
 - Document 4: Microfilm of the specification and drawings annexed to the request of Japanese Utility

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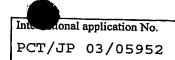
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Document 5: GB 2114065 A (Scribex SA), 17 August 1983, entire text, all drawings

Claims 1 and 2

Documents 1-5 cited in the international search report do not disclose the following feature of the

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invention set forth in claims 1 and 2:

the feature wherein the ink that has been impregnated into an ink storing body is supplied to the tip of the pen via a visible ink guide tube, and signs that the ink is running out can be confirmed by visually inspecting the abovementioned ink guide tube via a visual confirmation section, which is formed in the barrel.

Furthermore, this feature cannot be said to be obvious to a person skilled in the art in the light of the documents that are cited in the international search report.

Therefore, the invention set forth in claims 1 and 2 is novel and involves an inventive step.

Claims 3-20

Claims 3-20 include all of the characteristics that are set forth in claim 1 or claim 2.

Therefore, the inventions set forth in claims 3-20 are novel and involve an inventive step for the aforementioned reasons indicated in relation to claims 1 and 2.